

CITY OF SAN JOSE
Commendation

- WHEREAS: Following America's war in Vietnam thirty years ago, refugees and immigrants from Vietnam came to the United States and settled as free Vietnamese-Americans who are honored and remembered for their sacrifices for freedom and human rights and for their ongoing contributions to our democratic society; and
- WHEREAS: Since 1975 San José has become home to one of the largest Vietnamese-American populations in the United States, and the local Vietnamese-American community has become a significant factor in the rich cultural diversity enjoyed by the residents of our entire community; and
- WHEREAS: The former flag of Vietnam, comprising three horizontal stripes of red upon a field of gold, represents the long history and culture of Vietnam, and many Vietnamese-Americans continue to remember and honor this flag as a symbol of free Vietnamese people and their struggle; and
- WHEREAS: We commemorate three decades of Vietnamese-American achievement in America and in San José, and we celebrate their contributions that strengthen our community and their commitment to the principles of democracy, justice, and tolerance by which our nation was founded;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Ron Gonzales, Mayor of San José, together with Vice Mayor Cindy Chavez, Councilmembers Nancy Pyle and Chuck Reed and along with our colleagues on the City Council, on this 19th day of April 2005, do hereby commend the Vietnamese-American community for its

30 YEARS OF ACHIEVEMENT IN AMERICA

and in San José, and further the City of San José acknowledges that the former flag of Vietnam is a symbol of free Vietnamese people for many of our residents.


The Honorable Ron Gonzales
MAYOR


Chuck Reed, Councilmember


Cindy Chavez, Vice Mayor



Attested to by:


Lee Price, City Clerk


Nancy Pyle, Councilmember